GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR & RD Department – Allegation of irregularities in execution of road works at Kakarla Village, Ardhaveedu Mandal, Prakasam District – Common disciplinary proceedings and charges against **Sri Y. Ramesh Babu,** Executive Engineer, PR Division, Markapur under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991– Written Statement of defence submitted – Considered - Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 588 **Dated: 28-10-2024**

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No. 419, PR&RD (Vig. II) Department, Dt: 20.07.2023.
2. G.O.Rt.No. 420, PR&RD (Vig. II) Department, Dt: 20.07.2023.
3. From the ENC,PR, Letter No. Vig. III (1)/Loka/443/2023, dated: 14.11.2023.

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ORDER:

In the references 1st and 2nd read above, the Government have initiated common disciplinary proceedings duly framing following articles of charge under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against **Sri Y. Ramesh Babu**, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Markapur, Prakasam District on the allegation of irregularities in execution of road work "Laying of internal CC roads from Rangaswamy Temple to Dharmachavidi at Reaches 3 & 4, Kakarla Village, Ardhaveedu Mandal, Prakasam District", with a direction to submit his written statement of defence :

Charge :

That Sri Y. Ramesh Babu, EE, PR Division, Markapur, Prakasam District, has committed certain allegation of irregularities in execution of road work "Laying of internal CC roads from Rangaswamy Temple to Dharmachavidi at Reaches 3 & 4, Kakarla Village, Ardhaveedu Mandal, erstwhile Prakasam District". As per the inspection report of Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Markapur,

dated:17.12.2022 that **(i)** there was no maintenance of QC tests and Registers maintained by the Engineering personnel; **(ii)** not provided the shoulders, space for service lines such as water pipe lines, telephone lines, cross drains; **(iii)** not provided Bituminous sealant for filling of joints; **(iv)** metal exposed at some places, cracks are observed in some places on the surface of the CC road; **(v)** the edges need to be improved and honeycombs are observed on edges at some places; **(vi)** Shoulders on both sides of CC road have not been proved. Further there is deficiency of 0.75 meters in length of internal CC road in reach No.4 is also observed and recovery of Rs.2511/- for Reach No.3 and Rs.19,065/- for Reach No.4 have been observed,.

Thus, he has failed to supervise the above works properly which resulted poor quality execution and caused loss to the Government to tune of Rs.2,511/- and Rs.19,065/- (for two reaches). Hence the charge.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, has furnished the written statement of defence, dt:08.11.2023 of the charged officer Sri Y. Ramesh Babu, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, to Government for taking further action.

3. The Charged Officer has submitted the following written statement of defence with reference to above counts of the charge:

i. For count **(i)** of charge: the Charged Officer has stated that, the Quality control tests were conducted as per standard frequency and the Registers are maintained and enclosed copies.

ii. For counts **(ii & vi)** of charge: the Charged Officer has stated that, there is no site to provide shoulders, as the RWS&S Department sanctioned side drains in the existing narrow site leaving space for service lines such as water pipe lines, cross drains etc vide District Collector & DPC, Prakasam Admn. Sanction dt: 28.12.2019. However, wherever possible, they have provided shoulders although they have not been provided in working estimate nor the amount has not been billed.

iii. For count **(iii)** of charge: the Charged Officer has stated that, they provided sealants for filling of contact in joints as per standards;

iv. For count **(iv)** of charge: the Charged Officer has stated that, the exposed metal surface was treated by placing a repair mortor with epoxy resin based concrete repair chemicals. The cracks are filled with concrete sealing using a specially prepared hot-poured sealant as per procedure. The surface regularity is within standards and the surface cracks are accepted criteria which are promptly repaired and accepted by Quality Control staff. The surface regularity of the road is also as per standards;

v. For count **(v)** of charge: the Charged Officer has stated that, the edges are improved and honey comps are rectified by filing with construction grout and chip and then curing;

4. The Charged Officer has stated that, two CC pavement works were executed both in quality and quantity. As per Circular Memo No. 15320/Vig. I/2005-1, PR&RD Department, dt:12.05.2006, no disciplinary action, since the deficiency is within tolerable limits. The defects pointed out by the Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control, Markpur, were already been rectified in accordance with SP20 guidelines mentioned in Sec-1800 and Action Taken Report was recorded in M.Books vide Pages 22 to 27 of MB 28-B and Vide Pages 25-31 of MB 39-B. The charged officer has requested to consider his written statement of defence and to drop further action against him.

5. After careful examination of the matter, duly keeping in view the documentary evidence produced by the charged officer, the Government have considered the written statement of defence of charged officer and found satisfactory.

6. Accordingly, the Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby drop further action against Sri Y. Ramesh Babu, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Markapur, Prakasam District (now Retired) in the matter.

7. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
Sri Y. Ramesh Babu, Executive Engineer, PRI, Markapur, Prakasam District (now retired)
(through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada)
Copy to:
The Secreary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The PR&RD (Estt. I) Department.
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PS to Principal Secretary to Govt, PR&RD. Department.
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